

Chinese students English language classes online.

The Hadley School for the Blind recently formed a partnership with Bookshare.org, an online community that lets people with print disabilities, such as blindness or low vision, scan books and exchange them legally through its website. The strategic partnership will extend the reach of both organizations and provide a broad range of learning and reading materials to people who are blind and visually impaired.

I am proud to be the author of this resolution that supports an institution that has, for almost 90 years, provided a valuable education for thousands of visually impaired individuals.

ON THE PASSING OF
COMMISSIONER CARLOS MARIN

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great sorrow. The United States-Mexico border community lost a great champion earlier this month. Carlos Marin, was the Commissioner of the United States section of the International Boundary and Water Commission. This agency is charged with maintaining dams, levees and other infrastructure on the border as well as implementing water and boundary treaties with Mexico. Commissioner Marin tragically died when the plane he was on crashed while on its way to inspect severe flood damage in Presidio, TX.

He was a leader who dedicated his life to the betterment of the border. He, himself was from the border and was a proud graduate of the University of Texas—El Paso. He was extremely well-liked and his upbeat, positive, and down-to-earth demeanor was unlike any others.

Commissioner Marin was a licensed professional engineer who had worked for the USBWC for 27 years. He was sworn in as Commissioner on December 20, 2006. He previously served as Deputy Commissioner from January 2002–November 2004. Prior to being named Deputy Commissioner, he was the Principal Engineer of the Operations Department, serving as a key technical and policy advisor to the U.S. Commissioner regarding USBWC field office operations and implementation of United States-Mexico boundary and water treaties.

To us on the border, the Rio Grande is part of our way of life. Commissioner Marin understood that. My congressional district encompasses 785 miles of the Rio Grande from El Paso County to Maverick County. He will truly be missed throughout our community, and his successor will have some mighty large boots to fill.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Rosa, and his many family and friends.

RECOGNIZING THE ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTE FOR BEHAVIOR CHANGE

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 11th Anniversary of a professional organization dedicated to improving the lives of adolescents in Southeastern Pennsylvania with autism and other developmental disabilities.

The Institute for Behavior Change of Coatesville, Chester County was founded in 1997 by Dr. Steven Kosor, a licensed psychologist and certified school psychologist. Dr. Kosor's vision was an institute that would recruit and train those providing quality in-school and in-home psychological treatment and behavioral support to children.

Since the Institute's inception, its dedicated staff has served more than 500 children throughout Philadelphia and the surrounding counties of Chester, Delaware and Montgomery.

The Institute will commemorate its 11th Anniversary during a conference at the Eden Resort in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on November 21, 2008.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in celebrating this special milestone for The Institute for Behavior Change and thanking the staff for its outstanding professionalism and commitment to helping youth with developmental disabilities fulfill their maximum potential.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM FEENEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. FEENEY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall no. H.R. 7110—Providing for Appropriations for Job Creation and Preservation, Infrastructure Investment, and Economic and Energy Assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

Due to a computer malfunction it appeared the vote was not taking place. By the time I got back to my office and a new vote ordered it was too late to return to the floor. The computer malfunction is the cause of my missed vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

VOLUSIA HONOR AIR GUARDIANS

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, today, September 27, 2008, 100 Volusia County veterans from the Second World War visited our Nation's Capital as part of the Honor Air program. The trip was made possible through the Rotary Clubs of Volusia County and with the support of sponsors and the 49 Guardian escorts.

It is my pleasure to assist in hosting the veterans during their visit to our Nation's Capital. This morning they will visit the World War II Memorial to pay tribute to their fellow patriots. This is the first visit for most of the servicemen, and it will be a moving occasion. I look forward to visiting with these heroes as they stand among the stone columns, fountains, and pools that comprise the Memorial.

This afternoon, the Volusia veterans will pay their respects at Arlington National Cemetery. Veteran leaders and I will have the privilege of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in a solemn tribute to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. The day will conclude with visits to the Woman in Services Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial and the Iwo Jima Memorial.

As the Congressman from Florida's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to play a part in our Volusia County heroes' visit. I ask that the U.S. House of Representatives join me in expressing our appreciation to the 49 Guardians, who through a sense of duty and at personal expense will escort the World War II veterans on this memorable day.

The September 27, 2008 Volusia Honor Air Guardians included:

Robert Blackwell, Floyd Brewer III, Bernadette Britz-Parker, Frank Coe, Linda Edwards, Howard Fisher, Raymond Fletcher, Robert Gast, Wayne Gordin, John Harting, Todd Heffington, Angela Heffington, Sharon Hill, Victor Hindery, David Hinshaw, James Houck, Francis Irza, Barbara Irza, Mathew Jemison, James Jemison, Jeffrey Lau, Charles Matousek, William McGhee, Kenneth Naser, Patti Ostermann, Charles Paiva, Daniel Parker, Christopher Rego, Diana Santos, Robert Sullivan, Lorraine Sullivan, Daniel Thorne, Walter White, Jr., Bonita Winn, Michael Brooks, Geof Felton, Dave Brannon, Gloria Denston, Judith Hensley, John Hill, Raymond Heffington, Derek Mears, Robert Apgar, Phillip Martin, Roger Baumgartner, Leslye Lorenz, Timothy Biggs, Edward Malloy, Morgan Gilreath.

INTRODUCING THE WATER FOR THE POOL ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2008

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today, I am introducing the Water for the Poor Enhancement Act of 2008, with Representatives DONALD PAYNE, DONALD MANZULLO, SHEILA JACKSON LEE, CHRIS SHAYS, GEORGE MILLER, STEVE LATOURETTE, and WALTER JONES as original cosponsors. The Water for the Poor Enhancement Act complements legislation introduced today in the Senate by Senator RICHARD DURBIN.

This bill enhances our Nation's commitment to addressing the global water crisis. Every 15 seconds, a child dies from lack of access to safe water and sanitation. Across the globe, 900 million people live without access to safe drinking water and 2.5 billion people are without access to improved sanitation. Millions of girls can't go to school because they must spend hours walking to collect water for their families. As half of the people in the developing world are sick at any given time from a water-related disease, water and sanitation access is a major barrier to fighting poverty and increasing economic productivity.